

House File 11 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to children in need of assistance whose
- 2 parents, guardians, or custodians are unable to provide
- 3 needed mental health treatment.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.2, subsection 6, paragraph f, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. Who is in need of treatment to cure or alleviate serious
4 mental illness or disorder, or emotional damage as evidenced by
5 severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive
6 behavior toward self or others and whose parent, guardian, or
7 custodian is unwilling or unable to provide such treatment.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill amends the definition of child in need of
12 assistance. Under current Code section 232.2(6)(f), a child
13 is a child in need of assistance if the child is in need of
14 treatment to cure or alleviate serious mental illness or
15 disorder, or emotional damage as evidenced by severe anxiety,
16 depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward
17 self or others and whose parent, guardian, or custodian is
18 unwilling to provide such treatment.

19 The bill amends the definition to include the situation
20 where a parent, guardian, or custodian is unable to provide
21 such treatment.